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Colossians 1:15-16 *He (Christ) is the image εἰκὼν of the invisible (unseen) God, the firstborn (The Greek term πρωτότοκος (prototokos) could refer either to first in order of time, such as a first-born child, or it could refer to one who is preeminent in rank.) over all creation, for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.*

Colossians 1:21-22 *You, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, amidst your evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his human body through his death, to present you holy, without blemish, and irreproachable in his presence.*

1. God reveals his will in his own act - we are responsible
2. *The God we speak of is ONE Lord - one will, one act*
 - a. *All we build around it may become its own value*
 - b. *We may serve God and be far from him - the all*
3. Christ is the visible presentation of an invisible God.
4. He is in creation, unrecognized, reconciling creation
 - a. All truth about God must come from God -
 - i. Not from “natural” theology
 - ii. Not from the causes and theories of man
 - b. All truth of God - is not truth about God
 - i. This union of Creator and Creation has its origin and consummation in Christ.
 - ii. This is beyond a Temple of a theology.
5. The mind of God - not our achievements is our call.

Romans 12:1-2 *In conclusion: I summons you brothers to offer up your very selves, through God’s mercies, as a living offering, holy and acceptable to God; this your rationally spiritual (τὴν λογικὴν) worship. Do not be conformed to this world (age), but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God– what is good and acceptable and perfect.*